

**HEADQUARTERS**  
 ... FOR ...  
**Cigars by the Box**  
 Christmas Goods Galore  
**ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.**  
 Good Goods Our Specialty.

**Local Brevities.**

School district No. 4, Knappa, has levied 3 1/2 mills for school purposes.

The bar was too rough yesterday to permit of any vessels crossing out or in.

Special sale of toilet and manicure sets at Woodfield's Art Store on Bond street.

Only a few days more to save the La Imperial bands. They are a sure winner.

First citizenship papers were issued to Oscar Hendrickson, a native of Finland, yesterday.

Ladies' Terry Cloth and Elder-down Lounging Robes, \$5 and up at Danziger & Co's.

The public schools will close Friday, and reopen on January 8, giving a two weeks' vacation.

We have a few boxes of nice apples which we offer at 75c per box while they last. Astoria Grocery.

Mammoth line of Smoking Jackets in the newest and best styles and materials at \$5 and up at Danziger & Co's.

Closing out sale of toilet and manicure sets at Woodfield's Art Store will commence today and continue during the week.

The Christmas game of football between the Commercial and the Chemawa's will be played on Monday following Christmas. This will give the members of both teams an opportunity to attend divine worship on Sunday.

The Britt-Nelson fight occurs tonight in San Francisco. Considerable interest is manifest in the result by local sportsmen. The betting is in favor of Britt, but conservative sportsmen believe that Nelson will be the winner.

Full returns of the Britt-Nelson fight in San Francisco will be received at Madison's cigar store tonight.

Men's Smoking Jackets, plain and fancy weaves, beautiful styles in big variety; wonderful values at \$5 to \$12.50 at Danziger & Co's.

Dr. Linton has opened a finely appointed office at 1494 Franklin avenue. He has many friends in Astoria, having practiced for some years at Seaside.

All school and road districts that have not levied their road and school tax must do so within the next 10 days or it will not be entered upon the rolls.

New shipment of Men's and Young Men's Raincoats, Men's Neckwear, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Umbrellas, Suspenders, etc., at lowest prices at Danziger & Co's.

Rev. Dr. E. L. House preached a most excellent sermon at the Congregational church last night. He will speak this afternoon at 2:30 in the lecture room and in the evening at 8. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

Extensive preparations are being made by the Eagles lodge of Seaside for a grand masquerade ball, to be given on Saturday evening. The best music has been engaged, and it promises to be the social event of the season.

Rev. E. L. House of Portland commenced a series of revival meetings at the Congregational church last evening, which will continue during the week. The church was filled last evening to listen to the eminent divine, and considerable interest was manifested.

Several police officers called at the Astorian office to secure copies of the paper containing an account of the jail break, in order that they might be able to assist the county officials in capturing the escaped convicts. They had no knowledge of the escape until they read it in the morning Astorian.

Everybody is saving the Imperial cigar bands, not only because they enjoy a good smoke, but are also anxious to win the diamond ring.

Julius Friedland, representing Sherwood & Sherwood, was in the city yesterday. This is his first visit to Astoria for 14 years, and he expressed himself as surprised at the rapid growth and prosperity of Astoria.

Circuit court will convene in St. Helens next Monday. It is reported that several cases from Rainier will be investigated. Gambling has been closed down, through the efforts of Martin Both, and considerable ill feeling exists over the matter.

John H. Jeffers and Miss Eva Messenger were married Sunday at the residence of Mrs. E. Potter, Rev. W. S. Short officiating. They left Sunday night for a month's wedding trip to California. On their return they will make Astoria their home.

The suits brought by the timber syndicate against Clatsop county and the sheriff, have been set for hearing in the circuit court Thursday. If there is sufficient cause shown, a temporary injunction will be granted, but unless this is established, it will be refused and the sheriff will proceed with the sale.

Mrs. G. Smith, while coming down from Fifteenth street from her home Sunday, slipped and fell down, breaking both bones of her right leg above the ankle. Medical attendance was summoned and the fracture reduced. Mrs. Smith is resting easy, but it will be some time before she will be able to get out.

Christmas novelties at Hoefler's have been received. All candy manufactured at home, 10 cents per pound and up. Decorations for Christmas surpass anything ever brought to Astoria. Everything in the line of confections and pure candy guaranteed to be first-class. The largest and most complete line in Astoria can be procured at Hoefler's.

Some of the most unique designs in small boxes of cigars, suitable for Christmas presents and which will be appreciated by lovers of a good smoke, can be found at Madison's cigar store. These, in addition to the finest assortment of merschaum pipes, and a fine line of smokers' articles, will be of great assistance to those looking for a present that will be appreciated. There is certainly no finer assortment in Astoria.

Judge McBride arrived down on the noon train yesterday and convened court yesterday afternoon. He has had a busy time of it since leaving here, having tried 16 jury cases in 18 days in Oregon City, besides a large amount of business in Hillsboro. He goes from here to St. Helens to open a term of court. He reports legal business picking up in the district outside of Clatsop county, where injunction suits have become quite a fad.

Mr. and Mrs. Captain Starr are enjoying a visit from their cousin, Mrs. W. H. Hoskins of Tillamook, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bales of Juneau, Alaska. Mrs. Hoskins came over from Tillamook to meet her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bales, who have just returned from Alaska on a visit with friends and relatives in Astoria and Tillamook. They expect to return to their home in Alaska about April 1. They will be passengers on the Elmore for Tillamook, where their many friends are awaiting their return for Christmas.

F. C. Reed yesterday filed a protest with Auditor Anderson against the acceptance of the improvement of Franklin avenue, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets. This is the improvement recently made, which left Mr. Reed's house up on the mountain, and compelled him to move out. There is no question but his property has been ruined by the improvement, and there is no question but the improvement is of no benefit to any person living on the street.

No news has been received of the prisoners who escaped from the county jail a Saturday night, although the officers are satisfied that they are in hiding in the city or the immediate vicinity. They have been investigating the manner of their escape, and are satisfied that a young man who bears an unenviable reputation, and who carries meals to the jail, was the one that smuggled the saw into the jail. Almost positive evidence has been secured against him, and if true, he will be given a term in the penitentiary.

The proposed extension of the city limits as recommended by the charter revision committee, extends the limits to where they were originally, except the John Day precinct is left out. This will be a convenience to a large number of voters in the Third ward, who have been compelled to go to John Day to vote, and also in the improvement of streets from that section of the city limits. As it is now, the council cannot improve a street which is considered necessary. The only objection urged is compelling property owners in that vicinity to pay city taxes who receive no benefits from fire and police protection.

**POSTMASTER HAHN.**

Will Be Recommended for Postmaster by Astoria Delegation.

Dispatches to the Oregon Sunday state that among other appointments that have been recommended by the Oregon delegation, is John Hahn for postmaster at Astoria. The dispatch is as follows:

Washington, Dec. 17.—Chairman Baker, who expects to leave for Portland tomorrow, entertained the members of the Oregon delegation at dinner this evening. Prior to the dinner a conference was held by the members of the delegation, which was attended by Baker, to determine upon various postoffice appointments where the terms of the incumbents have expired or will terminate in a short time.

It was determined by a majority of the delegation that E. B. Watters, whose term as postmaster at Burns expired several months ago, should be reappointed.

At Hillsboro it was decided the delegation should recommend the appointment of B. P. Cornelius to succeed Postmaster Waggoner upon the expiration of his term.

John Hahn will receive the indorsement of the delegation for appointment at Astoria to succeed Postmaster Granville Reed.

It was also practically decided that Postmaster E. H. Woodward shall be superseded at Newbery by Applicant Hodson.

Bay.

**A NEW WRINKLE.**

Herman Wise has invented a new wrinkle that beats even the Cigar Ring proposition.

He advertised for 100 boys and girls and over 60 have already applied. He calls these Herman Wise's Hustlers, and makes the following proposition to them:

To the five Hustlers who collect Herman Wise Sale Slips amounting to the most money he will give a \$20 gold piece each; the 10 next highest will receive \$10 each and the 20 third highest \$2.50 each.

It is the custom in most stores to give sale slips with each and every sale, and it is these sale slips issued by him that Mr. Wise asks his Hustlers to gather; he tells the girls and boys that they must not neglect their studies but that they can work when not in school. They must not ask for these slips in or near the store, but among their friends at their respective houses. Charge checks don't count. Mr. Wise believes that it will prove a good ad. to have about 100 boys and girls mention his name all over town; at any rate this is an original idea of Herman Wise's, and besides, it teaches children to be aggressive and self-reliant and they also learn the value of money and that one must work in order to earn something.

**Clerks Elect Officers.**

The clerks' union held a meeting last evening which was largely attended. The principal business was the election of officers. The following were elected for the ensuing term: President, William Ross; first vice president, Charles Iverson; second vice president, J. E. Johnson; recording secretary, A. W. Bennest; financial secretary, E. J. Meinan; treasurer, Randall Reed; guide, H. B. Cornell; guardian, R. E. Klepper. It was decided to circulate a petition asking all the merchants to close their stores on the Monday following Christmas and Monday following New Year's. As the grocery men and butchers have decided to observe that day, it will probably be approved by all the merchants.

**Rag Time Ball.**

The rag time dance given by the Pochontas last evening at Astor hall in the Logan building was a most brilliant affair, the hall being crowded with members and their friends. The four prizes given were awarded as follows: First lady's prize, Miss Olsen; second, Miss Webber. First gent's prize, Vincent Giardina; second, Will Webber. After the prizes were awarded dancing was indulged in until an early hour this morning. Every one present expressed himself as having had a very enjoyable time.

Take Point or Shoal Water Bay oysters at the New Style Restaurant.

Just In—A shipment of fine Queen olives, 25c per pint, Astoria Grocery.

Shilling's spices are best. Every can guaranteed. Your money back if they don't suit. Astoria Grocery.

Schlitz's beer made Milwaukee famous, and is having the same effect on the Grotto. Nothing better on the market.

Men's Lounging Robes, plain blue and gray colorings, cord and tassels; great values at \$5 and up at Danziger & Co's.

The Imperial oyster house is prepared to furnish Shoalwater bay oysters in quantities of pints and quarts to supply the family trade. Colonial oysters always on hand.

The Grotto will supply patrons with delicious Tom and Jerry every day. The superior quality of goods which has made the Grotto popular, will be supplied.

**FOARD & STOKES CO.**

**Only a Few More Shopping Days Until Christmas**

THESE last few days will be unusually busy ones for the storekeeper. The average merchant will not be able to wait upon his customers with his usual care.

This store's aim is to avoid such possible contingencies. For the benefit of our patrons we have engaged extra salespeople and we'll endeavor in every way to make shopping pleasant and agreeable for you.

If you are in doubt as to the proper gift to make a stroll through our store will help you. There's Holiday Goods of all description here awaiting your inspection. Come in and take a look.

**FOARD & STOKES CO.**

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**For Christmas Presents**

Chaise Perfumery forms an Ideal Gift for Young or Old, Boys, Girls, Young Men, Young Women, those in middle life or in life's decline.

There is a pleasing bit of sentiment about perfumes and their use that adds to their use as Christmas Gifts.

The place to buy High Grade Perfumes is at a store which has the biggest and best assortment and we undoubtedly have the most complete stock of perfumes in this city.

Come in and select your packages. We have them from 25c. to \$8.00 a bottle, all chaise, the flower odors, lasting in quality.

We have all the famous makes including all French Imported, Palmers, Rickseckers, Spiehlers, Lundborgs, Eastmans, etc.

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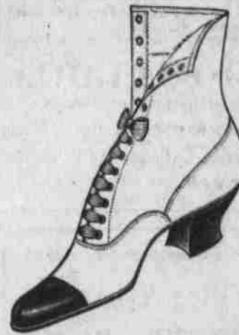
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 THEO. F. LAURIN, Proprietor.

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 Complete House Furnishers.